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**Email:**

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., Economics, George Mason University**
Fields/Research interests: Public Choice economics, Austrian economics, Economics Education, and Economics of Religion

**Dissertation Title**: *Three Essays in Economics Education: An Overview of the Research and Two Studies on the Effectiveness of Alternative Teaching Methods and the Influence of Ethics in the Classroom on Economics Knowledge and Political Philosophy* (Dr. Donald Boudreaux, Chairman)
May 2010

**M.A., Applied Economics, San Jose State University**
December 1997

**B.A., Economics** (with a minor in Speech-Communications), **San Jose State University**
May 1995

- "Economics Online for Teachers," January 2000—May 2000
  - Foundation for Teaching Economics
  - Education credit granted by **University of California, Davis**

- Summer Austrian economics programs at **New York University (NYU)** and **Ludwig von Mises Institute (Auburn University),** 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000

## EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING HISTORY

**San Jose State University: San Jose, CA**
**Adjunct Professor/Lecturer, Department of Economics**
August 2006—Present
August 1999—May 2003
Courses: *Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics*, and *Intermediate Microeconomics*

- Teach two evening classes of approximately 25-50 students each semester
- Develop curriculum and course syllabi
- Administer tests
- Student evaluations consistently exceed department, college, and university averages

**De Anza College: Cupertino, CA**

**Instructor (Assistant Professor), Department of Economics**
September 2014-Present
Courses: *Principles of Microeconomics*, *Principles of Macroeconomics*, and *Economics of Social Issues*

**Adjunct Instructor, Department of Economics**
April 2010—August 2014
July 2008—August 2008 (summer quarter)
July 2007—August 2007 (summer quarter)
July 2006—August 2006 (summer quarter)
June 2005—August 2005 (summer quarter)
June 2004—August 2004 (summer quarter)
September 1999—March 2003 (fall, winter, and spring quarters)
Courses: *Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics* and *Economics of Social Issues*

- Teach weekend, day, and evening classes varying from approximately 25-50 students
- Develop curriculum and course syllabi
- Administer tests

**Valley Christian High School: San Jose, CA**

**Teacher, Department of Social Science**
August 2006—Present
April 1998—June 2003
Courses: *Economics/Government, AP Microeconomics,* and *AP Macroeconomics*

- In addition to teaching, I participated in the school-wide curriculum development plan and I created the curriculum and course objectives for Economics 12, AP Microeconomics, and AP Macroeconomics
- Graduating classes of 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007, 2008, and 2009 selected me as their commencement speaker
- Students consistently score higher than the national average on AP exams
- Teacher of the Year

**George Mason University School of Law: Arlington, VA**

**Graduate Student Teaching Assistant (for Dr. Thomas Hazlett)**
August 2005—December 2005
Course: *Economic Foundations of Legal Studies*

- Conducted weekly lectures and review sessions for GMU law school students
- Designed study guides and practice exams

**George Mason University: Fairfax, VA**

**Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Economics**
August 2004—May 2005
Courses: *Principles of Microeconomics* and *Principles of Macroeconomics*

- Taught two large lecture classes of 100-120 students each semester
- Developed curriculum and course syllabi
- Administered tests

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING ASSISTANCE/BOOK REVIEWS

Provided research while at George Mason University to Dr. James T. Bennett for his book *Homeland Security Scams*

Teaching Assistant for Dr. Thomas Hazlett at George Mason University School of Law (Arlington, Virginia)

Reviewed manuscript and provided comments for book *Common Sense Economics: What Everyone Should Know about Wealth and Prosperity* by James D. Gwartney, Richard Stroup, and Dwight R. Lee

## REFEREE

*Journal of Private Enterprise*

## ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCES/SEMINARS

**"American Idea Seminar"**
Center for the American Idea
July 2000 (Houston, TX)

**Association of Private Enterprise Education Annual Conference**
April 2000 and April 2003 (Las Vegas, NV); April 2004 (Nassau, Bahamas); April 2005 (Orlando, FL); April 2008 (Las Vegas)

**Association of Christian Schools International Conference**
October 1998, 2000, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 (Sacramento, CA)

**California Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference**
March 2007, 2008 (Oakland, CA); March 2013 (Burlingame, CA)

**"California Economics Standards"**
Foundation for Teaching Economics
May 2001 (San Jose, CA)

**"Differentiated Instruction Seminar"**
Valley Christian High School
March 2001 (San Jose, CA)

**"Economics for Leaders Program"**
Foundation for Teaching Economics
University of Washington
July 2000 (Seattle, WA)

**"Financial Literacy Program"**
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas
November 2000 (Dallas, TX)

**"Liberty and Current Issues"**
The Institute for Humane Studies
American University
July 1997 (Washington DC)

**Liberty Fund Conference: "Property Rights and *The Noblest Triumph*"**
April 2001 (Tucson, AZ)

**Liberty Fund Conference: "The Development of Liberal Culture"**
December 2001 (New Orleans, LA)

**Mont Pelerin Society Annual Meeting**
August 2004 (Salt Lake City, UT)

**National Council for Economic Education Annual Conference**
October 2002 (San Diego, CA)

**National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference**
November 1999 (Orlando, FL); November 2000 (San Antonio, TX);
November 2001 (Phoenix, AZ)

**"New Directions in Economics" (seminar for junior college instructors)**
Foundation for Economic Education
May 2000 (Williamsburg, VA)

**"Problem-Based Economics Workshop"**
Buck Institute for Education
February-March 2003 (Novato, CA)

**"Setting Up Students for Success" (professional education lecture on brain research and learning sponsored by Valley Christian High School)**
March 2002 (San Jose, CA)

**Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Conference**
October 2003 (Norfolk, VA); October 2004 (Kansas City, MO)

**"Summer Economics Institute for High School Teachers"**
The Smith Center for Private Enterprise Studies
California State University, Hayward
June 2000 (Hayward, CA)

## JOURNAL/ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"A Review and Analysis of the Effectiveness of Alternative Teaching Methods on Student Learning in Economics," (with Joshua C. Hall and Collin Hodges) *Perspectives on Economics Education Research*, 9(1)75-85 Spring 2015

"The Federal Government's War on the Hungry"
The Smith Center for Private Enterprise Studies (CSU East Bay)
*Occasional Paper Series,* July 2004

**SELECTED POPULAR PRESS/ONLINE PUBLICATIONS**

- ❖ My essay "Fast Food and Personal Responsibility" is included in the textbook *Conversations: Readings for Writing, 6th edition* by Jack Selzer (Pennsylvania State University) and Dominic Delli Carpini (York College of Pennsylvania)

"FTC and Intel"
Mises Economics Blog
Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn University
October 2007

"More Guns, Safer Schools"
Ludwig von Mises Institute Daily Articles
Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn University
October 2006

"Where There's Smoke, You Don't Have to Be"
Ludwig von Mises Institute Daily Articles
Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn University
April 2006

"Price Gouging: Economics and Ethics"
Mises Economics Blog
Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn University
January 9, 2006

"Santa Monica's Social Engineers Target Homeowners"
FEE Today
The Foundation for Economic Education
August 2004

"Antitrust in Anticompetitive"
Ludwig von Mises Institute Daily Articles
Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn University
July 2004

"Fast Food and Personal Responsibility"
*Ideas on Liberty*
The Foundation for Economic Education
January 2003

"Myths About Business"
Ludwig von Mises Institute Daily Articles
Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn University
May 2002

"It's Unpatriotic to Raise Prices After a Disaster?"
*Ideas on Liberty*
The Foundation for Economic Education
February 2002

"Sell Your Kidney, Make a Profit"
Ludwig von Mises Institute Daily Articles
Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn University
April 2001

"Smoking and Property Rights"
Ludwig von Mises Institute Daily Articles
Ludwig von Mises Institute, Auburn University
August 2000

"The Force of Economics"
*The Freeman: Ideas on Liberty*
The Foundation for Economic Education
December 1999

**ACADEMIC/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

**"Discover Economic Principles"** (seminar for high school students and teachers)
Fraser Institute
Kelowna, Canada
December 2014

**"Teacher Workshop: Economic Freedom of the World"**
Fraser Institute
Toronto, Canada
November 2014

**"Teacher Workshop: The Economic Way of Thinking"**
Fraser Institute
Vancouver, Canada
November 2014

**"Creative Teaching Ideas for Your Basic Economics Course"**
Gus A. Stavros Center at Florida State University
February 2014

**"Teacher Workshop: Economics Principles"**
Fraser Institute
Calgary, Canada
November 2013

**"Economics in Your Face: A No-Nonsense Guide to the Economic Way of Thinking"**
University of Alaska—Fairbanks
March 2012

**"Private Charity versus the Welfare State"**
*The Challenge of Liberty Summer Seminar for High School Students*
Independent Institute
Oakland, California
August 2010

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILATIONS

American Economic Association
Southern Economic Association
Western Economic Association International
Association of Private Enterprise Education
National Association of Economic Educators
Professional Teachers Association (Foundation for Teaching Economics)
California Council for the Social Studies

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Association of Private Enterprise Education
*Economic Communicators Contest*—Second Place
2008

Market-Based Management Institute/Association of Private Enterprise Education
*Economic Communicators Contest*—Honorable Mention
2007

George Mason University Economics Department Fellowship
2003—2004
2004—2005

Association of Private Enterprise Education Earhart Fellowship
2004
2005

Mont Pelerin Society Fellow
2004

"Counselors' Award"
Valley Christian High School, 2003

Rodolfo Gonzalez Award for Outstanding Alumni
Department of Economics, San Jose State University, December 2001

Outstanding Teacher Recognition Program
University of California, San Diego, 2001—2002

*Who's Who Among America's Teachers*
2000, 2002

Scholarship to the NYU Austrian Economics Summer Program
June 1997, June 1999

Scholarship to The Institute for Humane Studies summer program "Liberty and Current Issues
American University, July 1997

Scholarship to the Ludwig von Mises Institute Austrian Economics Summer Program
August 1996

Inducted into the "A.S. 55 Club" for outstanding service to the SJSU community (only 55 students selected from the student body of over 25,000 students)
April 1995

**FOREIGN LANGUAGES**

Fluency in Spanish, Assyrian, and some Italian

**REFERENCES**

Dr. Lydia Ortega
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Dr. Don Boudreaux
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George Mason University
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